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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MANABU YAMAZOE, ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/459,479) : Group Art Unit: N/Y/A
Filed: December 13, 1999) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD) :
AND APPARATUS, IMAGE) :
PROCESSING SYSTEM, AND) :
STORAGE MEDIUM : April 30, 2001

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is submitted on an English abstract attached to each non-English document.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>FILING DATE</u> | <u>GROUP ART UNIT</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Er</i> 09/220,070 | 12/23/98 | 2774 |
| <i>Er</i> 09/410,100 | 10/01/99 | 2722 |
| <i>Er</i> 09/410,101 | 10/01/99 | 2722 |

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed. It is submitted that no fee is due, however, if fee(s) are due, please charge Deposit Account 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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